



STATEMENT OF THE G-77 AND CHINA DURING THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 26-28 NOVEMBER 2012, DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ANTONIO GARCÍA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU

**Agenda item 3: Implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety**

Mr. Chairman,

1. The Group of 77 and China would like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for the continued update on the progress made in the implementation of the Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. The Group also thanks DDG Flory for introducing the item as well as for organizing a very useful briefing.

2. The Group is committed to support all the Agency activities that strengthen global nuclear safety. The Group reemphasizes that the purpose of enhancing nuclear safety should be to positively contribute to the development and utilization of nuclear technology for peaceful uses and that the Agency should orient its programme in this regard. .

3. The Group underscores the importance of the revision of the Agency's broad range of assistance and support services to Member States to take into account the lessons from Fukushima.

Mr. Chairman,

4. While the Group notes the progress made by the Agency in coordination with Member States among others, to improve the Agency's peer review services, public information and enhance transparency and communication during emergency situations, continued efforts need to be made to ensure more effective communication in the event of a radiological or nuclear emergency.

5. The Group reiterates its call on the Secretariat to provide information in future reports on the implementation of the Action Plan on Nuclear safety on cost implications of the activities under the Plan, especially with regard to the proposed biennial budget and on other future activities of the Agency.

Mr. Chairman,

6. The Group looks forward to the upcoming Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety from 15-17 December 2012 organized by the Government of Japan, in co-sponsorship with the Agency. We note that the Secretariat will present reports on the topics of the three international expert meetings that were organized by the Secretariat during 2012 in relation to the Action Plan. The Conference will provide opportunity to the participants to share their experience gained from implementing relevant elements of Action Plan in their respective domain and to discuss the progress of international efforts aimed at strengthening nuclear safety.

7. With these remarks, the Group takes note of the Director General's report on the "Progress in the Implementation of the IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety" as contained in document GOV/INF/2012/16.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.